

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Without prejudice, please amend the Specification as follows:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 10 (and ending at page 6, line 16) of the Substitute Specification as follows:

–At its axial end away from ceramic foam 4, nozzle 2 takes in fuel, residual gas, air, or a mixture thereof and meters it at its lower axial end, which faces ceramic foam 4, through an orifice, not shown, into ceramic foam 4. The nozzle 2 may include a swirl nozzle 2s or a multi-orifice nozzle 2m. In addition, air is supplied via an air supply 3 to combustion chamber 8 or to the combustion process. A mixture of residual gases and air or residual gases and oxygen may also be supplied via air supply 3. Fuel, residual gas, or a mixture thereof ignites with air and/or oxygen or reacts chemically in ongoing operation on the hot surface of ceramic foam 4.--.